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Midcentury Nightmare

A man we should not like to be is young Theo Knobel, Nazi composer. We should like to be Herr Knobel al-most as little we should like to be We should like to be near most as little we should like to be Dr. Alfred Rosenberg. Dr. Rosenberg, as all the world knows, yearns to go into history as the destroyer of Christianity and the restorer of the old religion of the barbarians Caesar found painting their bellies blue in the forests of the Northland. And young Herr Knobel? Herr Knobel yearns to go into history as a great composer of music.

Because Felix Mendelsohn

composer of music.

So — Because Felix Mendelssohn
was a Jew, the Nazis threw out his
incidental music to Shakespeare's
"Midsummer Night's Dream," which
was to be presented on the great occasion of the copening of the Kurmaerkische's Landestheater at Luckenwalde. Herr Knobel was commis enwalte. Herr Knobel was commisdioned to do the music instead.
Mendelsohn is not one of the great
composers, but his music has stock
the test of a century. And a century is a formidable argument, a
contury is. Twenty centuries argue
that Dr. Rosenberg will go into history not as a great mfin but dimply
as an obsecue clown. And as for
Herr Knobel, even a century is pretty-conclusive evidence that he will
never stand in the company of Bach
and Beethoven and Wagner but only
in the commany of Pantaloon and in the company of Pantaloon and Punch and Judy.

Politeness Pays

The action of the Cuban govern-ment in dismissing all charges against Gerardo Machado, sometime Iron Boss of the Island Republic, will Iron Boss of the Island Republic, will surprise no one. For that is the way such cases usually turn out. Machado stood charged with mass murder, with misappropriating funds in bulk, and with selling his country all the way down the river to the sugar interests. And there was plenty of evidence that the charges were true — at least enough evidence to call imperatively for his supprehension and trial. But Machado is the surprise of the supprehension and trial. But Machado is the way the supprehension and trial. But Machado is surprise many supprehension and trial supprehension and trial. But Machado is supprehension and trial supprehension and supprehension and supprehension and supprehens apprehension and trial. apprenension and trial. But Ma-chado probably never personally killed anyone. That dirty work he left to his minions. Machado was a suave, polite man, the kind of man who makes an excellent dinner com-panion. He moved and had his be-ing in the polite world and at the panion. He moved and had his being in the polite world, and all his life had been used to power and command. So — Machado will not have to stand trial for his crimes.

have to stand trial for his crimes. We are reminded pretty grimly of another man of the polite world here in North Carolina who was indicated for emberzling hundreds of thousands of dollars, but who was never brought to trial. And of the unfortunate black man who in Norther stole a sult upon which a value of \$25 was put, who was promptly arrested, and, attempting to escape, was shot dead by an officer—"in the line of duty." He was not, you see, polite.

Still a Mystery

The mystery that is the Government's aliver polley becomes deeper and darker than ever with the revision in grice from 77.57c to 64.64c an ounce. Why the price on silver mined domestically should be fixed at exactly 64.66c is as hard to explain as the previous price of 77.57. To be sure, 64.66c is about half of \$12.96, but for that matter, why \$12.97 That for that matter, why \$1.29? The figure preserves the old Bryanesqu ratio of 16 to 1 with gold at \$20.6"

side of 16 to 1 with gold at \$20.07 in ounce, but the current fixed value gold in \$35 an ounce.

By the reduction in price, the reasury will save some money, it is see, but if that was the principal citys, why did it not go the whole is and let the price of domestic were fixed with the world price, then is now hanging around 46c?

It is now hanging around 45c?

ing that precise course, but of course the Government's silver golley has never lent itself to ratiofical inter-pretations. It is just a bif of swap that the silver state Congressmen have obtained for their constituen-cies, mainly for the lead, copper and the mines of which silver is a profit-able bearontee.

What Do You Think?

A questionnaire comes to our desk from the Baltimore Advertising Club of Baltimore, and, contrary to our habit with questionnaires, we have For what it wanted to which ten Senators know was which ten Senators we thought most outstanding. And we thought about it and named those listed below. See if you agree, and if you don't, tell us why, and your choice, in a letter to the Editor.

Balley: A Tar Heel, a vigorous, logical mind, exceptionally well-informed, and a powerful fighter for

Bankhead: A Southern gentleman who seems to be genuinely and pasionately concerned for the widare of the under dog in his country.

Borah: Unstable but a heavy gun when he goes into action.

Byrd: A conservative of the best type, a good administrator, and a bold fighter.

Glass: The additional control of the control of Bankhead: A Southern gentleman

bold fighter.
Glass: The old master of conservatism and sound banking, of the
most unquestioned integrity, and one
of the toughest fighters ever heard

Pat Harrison: A sort of genius of ommon sense, when he isn't taking orders.

orders.

Norris: A fit match for Glass on the other side of the fence.

Schwellenbach: One of the abler young men who came in from the West on the Roosevelt tide.

Wagner: Not so uncompromisingly spotiess as Nortis, but still of high honesty, and like Nortis militantly social-minded. Sometimes too quick on the trigger, and a little starry-eyed, but still a big man.

Step Up or Be Showed

Our opinion of the Popular Front Our opinion of the Popular Front government of France goes up a couple of notches. It was in a bad spot when 120,000 utility workers struck and paralyzed Paris. The action was in effect a tacti greebilion against that government white ordered the pay cuts. And on the other hand, the support of the 12,000 and their associated radicals is absolutely necessary to the continuarie of the. Popular Front government. But it met the situation most sandfully. First, it pointed out that if resignamet the situation most manfully. First, it pointed out that it resigna-tion would leave the way open for

tion would leave the way open for reaction.

And then — it grimly reminded the 120,000 that, under French law, every last Jack of them was subject to being called immediately to the colors, and promised that, if the terms offered were not accepted, it is gave them the choice between military service, or embarking on open and undisguised rebellion, and, remembering that the powerments. open and utuasquised repellion. And, remembering that the governments of France have traditionally been rough with open rebellionists who did not succeed, they naturally qualled before that.

So long as France has a govern-ment as determined as that, it is not, whatever the alarmists may say, going either Red or White.

The Law Says .

A fourist camp proprietor was in County Recorder's Court Thursday morning, 15 pints of tax-pad liquor having been found behind a trap door in his place. During the cours of the trial it was brought of the the defense that a search wariant had been issued but without the accompanying affidavit as required in the Public Laws of North Carolina, 1937, Chapter 339, Sec. 1½: to will Any, officer who shall sign and

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snail be competent as evidence in the Irial of any action. For this reason the fellow, hardly crediting his luck, walked out of the courtroom carrying his 15 phis. But wait a minute. Without caring to be captious about it, we or some-body ought to point out hat the law plainly says that the officer win issued the search warrant without the accompanying affidavit was guilty of a misdemeanor. We don't think this fine officer intended te commit a misdemeanor, and for our part we aren't going to charge him with it. He just forgot. But the law plainly says: . . .

A Large Order

"Up on his feet at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science got Mr. Gover Hambidge, research: riter for the Department of Agricultue, to ad-vise that all the problems of the world might be solved quick yf only scientists would apply to ac ial phe-nomena the methods used in chem-listry, medicine, and astronomy.

and complex of things; the human mind and human emotions. Util-mately, social phenomena may have their laws, too, but if so they are as complex and variable, precisely, as

BOOM TIMES ARE COMING

WASHINGTON—One thing you can say about the New Year is that if it jazzes the world about any more than the old one, it will hit a high point in



beach, and hish ones were breaking thunderously on the front ports and flooding
the floor. It was only a question whether the wind would turn before the tide
ran high. It saw her looking at me with
a quizzical little smile. She said: "This
is going to be a marvelous experienceif we ever get out of it." So is this
slump.

Generator-

Generations who didn't live through the hast/5 sers or were not did enough to replember them certainly missed something. In the pioneer days it used to be said that five years of life in Kansas was the exact equivalent of a college education. In comparison with these years it was just a kindergarten.

A man is a fool to use \$\frac{\text{is}}{\text{ls}}\$ is a fool to use \$\frac{\text{is}}{\text{ls}}\$ is column to the prophecy to say that. For Slump is the prophecy to say that. Tight in which is given the country is on a very sound foundation. Prices are adjusting themselves to a buying level. We never Generations who didn't live through

sound foundation. Prices are adjusting themselves to a buying level. We never did get our consumption of even needful things caught up with the deferred demands of the depression. There are no wildly inflated values and unliquable debt. There is pienty of money and available credit. You can't continue a depression very long with things in that condition. The difficulty about prophesying beyond that is the trouble of accurate timing.

curate timing.

The Plorida land boom continued for two years after it had become so correct the continued for two years after it had become so correct the continued for the continued of experience knew that it is sound that the continued of the resulting flow had been foreneen by many people a year and a half continued that the continued for the continued of the continued of the continued for the continu pened at all.

But from saying all

But from saying all that to guessing when that to guessing when And The Time
Element is will take in the Blement is will take in the meanlime is too long a step. The only clear comfort is the remark attributed to Henry Ford after seven days of steady rain when a farmer asked him if it would ever stop—"II. always did before." This country is in for a real bown when the country is in for a real boom when the time comes. No country in history eve time comes. No country in history ever went along for 50 long a time consum-ing so small a fraction of the production of the potential products of its own population. Yet we have so great a shortage from bad times—so heavy an overbalance on the minus side—that just catching up with ourselves ought to give us the greatest prosperity we have yet known.

When will it come? I don't know, bu When will it come? I don't know, but here's a crazy, hunch. Prosperity is nec-essary for a Roosevelt third ferm. The President is the lucklest man in public life. Sômebody once said that if he ful into a cess-pool his foot would strike a hidden treasure. He is the only man I ever saw who excludly held a pat royal flush in a game where the other players really staved.

On this unscientific basis, I deduc-

Merely Branded

(Colorado Dodo)

An old cowpuncher entered a restaurant and ordered a sieak. The waiter
brought it to him and it was rare, very
rare. The cow-puncher demanded that
it be taken back and cooked.

"It's already cooked," the waiter

snapped.
"Cooked, hell," returned the cowpuncher. "I've seen cows hurt worse than that and they got well."

Chosing Judge Fit For Place

Lawyers Alone Really Know The

as much as we can, we have no good way of knowing the difference between able judicial timber and mere title-seek-

Right o wrong, we will choose. We always do Even at that the local bar is not relieved

back-slapper, and one who makes his decisions with his ear to the ground. ear to the ground.

AVERY HALSEY.

Charlotte.

Charlotte.

MARRIAGE LAWS ARE TOO

LAX IN THIS TAR HERY
STATE WE ARE PROOD OF

Dear Sir:

An Associated Press story carried in
your paper a few days ago stated that
in 1937 nine additional states enacted
or revised laws designed to prevent
hasty marriage, bringing the total of
states having such laws to 22. The laws
set up waiting periods between issuance
of the marriage license and the time
the wedding ecremony may be performed of from one to ten days.

The same story carried the information that in the United States there are

tion that in the United States there are now ten state which require both parties to a marriage contract to submit to so-

to a marriage contract to submit to so-cial disease examination.
Enlightened, progressive North Caro-ilina is to be found in neither the list of states requiring a waiting period nor the list requiring a waiting period nor the list requiring examination for so-dial disease. Once our state's name was arming those requiring examination for so-colid disease. But no longer is this the case, for our Legislature wanted to keep the marrying business in the state. And so in North Carolina all that is neces-sary for a couple to be married is for them to state their wish.

J. WILLIS MUNN. J. WILLIS MUNN.

Charlotte.

(Wilmington Star)

So the British Navy is to pay us a call next month, with the arrival here or January 13, of H. M. S. Apollo, a plane-January 13, of H. M. S. Apollo, a plane-carrying-cruiser with a complement of nearly 600 officers and men. According to present plans, the British war birds will soar aloft over Wilmington and give their American cousins a sample of the King's might on the sea.

It is always a pleasure to have the Britishers abound; the last visit of Britishers abound; the last visit of Britisher abound; the last visit of Britishers about the slope of war Yarboro spent several days in port.

Visiting Around

TAR HEELIA LICKS ITS CHOPS Hog Meat's Too Good for Boarders (Davie Record)

last week. While his hogship wasn't weighed, those who were present estimated that the hog would weigh about 525 pounds. Chal's boarders stand a good chance of getting plenty of fresh meat.

—And Hog Meat's Too Good for Prisoners
(Lenoir News-Topic)
A 848 pound Poland China hog was
killed Tuesday by J. B. Holloway, superintendent of the prison camp., The 18mined duesday by J. B. Holloway, super-intendent of the prison camp. The 18-month-old hog was one of the largest reported thus far.

Death Row

(Waynesville Mountaineer)

A novel and attractive window display has been arranged at Massie Hardware, where a live possum is scampering around camp equipment, while in the center of the window is a baking pan filled with sweet potatoes over a fire.

fire.
The "taters and 'possum" has made more than one person's mouth run water.

more than one person a mount any wasWe'll Take That No. 2 Demonstration,
I'n You Don't Midd.
(Catawba News-Enterprise)
Mrs. Marle C. Matheson, home demonstration agent gave a demonstration on
how to can meat in a pressure cookerafter which the hotgess served a course
of delicious refreshments.

Is Job Of Bar

Capacities Of Members
Of Their Profession Dear Sir:

Our Charlotte fraternity of lawyers is on the spot. They do not seem to realize it and that is why I am asking you to tell them. It begins to appear that we, the lay voters, must choose one of them this Spring to be our 14th district Superior Court Judge. We hope that we may have a choice between those who might worthly succeed Judge Harding. We have no assurance that such will be the case except by our own inadequate information and faulty judgment. As lay folk who dodge lawyers and the courts as much as we can, we have no sood However, we will choose.

Stong, we will choose We sharps the Seen at that he local bar is not relieved of responsibility. It can pass the buck to us if it lights. There is no law which requires that the legal fraternity, which knows its members better than anybody else can, should make sure that good judicial candidates are in the field. But it seems to me that the responsibility is with them nevertheless.

If the bar should select good candidates and give them approval, we voters would have something to vo by. If not, we must exercise our own admittedly faulty judgment and like as not pick a judge who is a good hand-shaker, a fine back-slapper, and one who makes his decisions with his ear to the ground.

Redcoats Before Wilmington

C. V. Miller killed an extra large hog ast week. While his hogship wasn't

Causes Count in ing-shot guess work
To Trelve which it has been conAt Least sistently criticizing for
a year and a half, and
will not anticipate the
reports on the Depression which will

On Growing a Mustache

PLANS

ON THE RECORD Devil-Chasing in Modern Salem

THE NEW RECRUIT

TRUST-TRUST

LEGISLATION

I LEARN to my astonishment that Mr. deliberation rather than for campaign Robert Jackson is a lawyer. He is, in fact, Assistant Attorney General of these presented for consideration at this meeting that the causes of the Deimply to the lay mind that he is a man of methodical habits of thought, accustomed to the processes of logic, familiar (1) Credit deflation since the beginwith dialectic But it seems that he ning of the year, induced by the Ad-ministration's "hot money," and its own more familiar with the processes of diaself-engendered fears of inflation

self-engenderea ...

18 sought hastily to offset by radical deflationary moves.

(2) The inflationary agricultural price program and remaining drought effects, raising living costs and affecting spendalle margins.

(3) A wage-lifting policy which suddenly and radically pushed wage rates in many lines beyond pre-Depression levels, while other prices were still heavylity depressed. Mr. Jackson came back from a fishing trip with the President at the beginning of the month, and opened his campaign on how to save the country from deon the month, and opened in Campange on how to save the country from depression, by a radio daters on the Sunday after Christimas. This was followed on Wednesday of this week, by another speech before the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia. With that mixture of confident onniscience and righteous indignation, strong-ir reminiscent of my old friend Dr. Goebbels, he "enlightened" us with the information that all our troubles are traceable to a single source and cause. "Monopoly and Big Blustines have thrown us off balance in these things, and this is, the cause of our discontent and unsettled confidence."

Is the evil Bigness per se? It would seem not, from 'Mr, Jack-son's second speech. The evil is only that it is private. "Private socialism." he called it,

mechanisms in the long run.

(5) An over-optimism in building up inventories to the raised production and sales levels.

(6) The reflex of exceptional demands on certain metals, due to rearmanment throughout the world, combined with recovery in certain fields, which resulted in a price spurt which quickly corrected itself. which phrase did not originate with him "Free enterprise cannot exist alongside monopolies and cartels," he explained So they are all to be broken up, ar And the industrial life of the expansion and discouraged productive investment.

(8) The poor functioning of the government's regulative machinery of the Exchanges.

(9) Pailure to release and secure adequate new capital for financing industrial capacity for the production of permanent goods at lower costs and prices.

(10) Failure to solve the utility probcountry organized over night into small units? Just how? Or are they?

I am just asking. I have read Mr. Jackson's speeches very carefully, and I haven't the remotest idea. Does he want haven't the remotest idea. Does he want to halt, for instance, the consolidation of the railroads, which the President strongly, I understand, destree? I think not. I think this suiden championship of the "little man," this suiden apparently fantastic reversal of the ifeas of the NRA, is a phoney. I think it is a phoney, because I have heard this kind of speech before, in another country, where the "little man," also thought he saw his savior-and got himself ev and master the state of the biggest, soldest, tightest all-cartelized, all-trustified economic system he had ever seen in his life.

From Jackson To Learned Doctor

It is a relief to turn from Mr. Jackson's indictment of some-sort-or-other Business as the author and malefactor of the De

This column does not want to engage in the

the very

different presentation of, and debate on different presentation of, and center on, the issues being carried on this very week at the gatherings of the various learned and scientific societies, the American Economic, Statistical, Economic, Political Science, and related associations.

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When Demons

(Richmond Times-Dispatch) One more apology in l'affaire Mac West, and radio will have tied Japan.

(Montpowery Advertiser)
There's this to be said about the pecultarities of any mustache: Whatever style the wearer adopts in the beginning
he must follow more or less permanently or the adormment will amony him.
The hair must be kept cut at a uniform
length day after day, or one will become
conscious of his mustache, whereas it
should be known that one should be ensited to the said of the said tirely unconscious of it, if he is to wear it gracefully and enjoy it to the limit. it gracefully and enjoy it to the limit.

Any mustache that is accustomed to be
trimmed today but is, not trimmed till
tomorrow will make itself an annoyance
in the meantime, and that is especially
true of the mustache that is ordinarily
very closely cropped.

But human beings are adaptable, as

dried it out or it dropped to the floor, At all events it was wasted.

Even so, the wearer of such a minche quickly became accustomed to his hurden and he would have felt ill at ease the hurden and he would have felt ill at ease with it had been intimued, or otherwise put in order. The upper lip is sensitive to its arranticel load, and it little for the weight for the weight of the surface with the contract of the contract of

Legal, But Cheap

(Baltimore Evening Sun) Attorney General Cummings has writ-ten an official opinion to the effect that ien, an official opinion to the effect that mobody can be put in jail on account of the sale of Democratic campaign books. This, you remember, area the visuame-filled with what politicians call campaign material and plain people call tripe, and autographed by the President, that a bunch of allek saleamen would be corporations at \$250 and up-a.copy, the saleamen pocketting half the proceeds in some cases. Charges were later made that the saleamen plainly intimated that the exporation that failed to purchase

that the salesmen plainly intimated that the copporation that failed to purchase might have cause to regret its obstimances brought in this first quantities. Congressman Shell thereupon demanded an inquiry and when the House refused to move, laid what information he had before the Department of Junctice. The is on this that the Attorney General has just ruled that no law was broken.

Well, not many people thought any-one could be jailed for the job. It wasn't one could be asset for the joe. It wasn't lingal. It was just cheap and masty. The idea of using the signature of the President of the United States in any such fashion is a masty idea, born of cheap poillies, but like many other nasty projects, it san't a frime. The Attorney General's ruling is no surprise. He will have his hands full if he enforces the law, without taking on the vastly more difficult job of making his political party

Ti is open to it, but where is the arens? Mr. Jackson isn't discussing, he is chasing devils, and the devil changes his face and form every ten minutes.

When Demons
Change Face
Each Week

Each Week

Demonstrate to be something of this columntat's vaporings, but is merely a piece of reporting of what is in the field of economics under a system of private enterprise. Or are we discussing the aboiltion of this system? That is another matter. That, too, is open to debate, deliberation and consideration.

(4) The condoning of sit-down strikes, inability of labor leadership to control its own membership, unjudicial Labor Board administration and, as a result,

jams in production, thus stimulating in-ventory orders in the short run, and dislocating price, profit and production mechanisms in the long run.

(7) The combined effects of the Sur-

plus Profits Tax (once, I recall, de-nounced by Mr. Jackson) and the Capi-tal Gains Tax, which hindered business expansion and discouraged productive

(11) Failure to solve the railroad probtem.
(12) Complicated stagnation and lagging improvement in residential building due to excessive labor and material costs, and the backward organization of that industry, which, inclentally, is certainly not "monopolistic."

This list of possible

contributory causes to the Depression is not